

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2021
VIDEO CONFERENCE
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning,
Chair
Rachel Hollar Umana, Bike Walk Macon,
Vice Chair
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business
Affairs
Henry Ficklin, MBC Dept. of Community
Affairs
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Myrtle Habersham, AARP

OTHERS PRESENT:

Koryn Young, Bike Walk Macon
Liz Fabian, Mercer University CCJ
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary
Bob Dallas, Vision Zero
Tom Ellington, Vision Zero Liaison
Andrew Donley, WGXA News
Ashton Packer, WGXA News
Greg Boike, Middle GA Regional
Commission
Mayor Lester Miller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Molly Wilkins, Citizen

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Henry Ficklin, seconded by Vice Chair Rachel Umana and passed unanimously, the May 18, 2021 Minutes were approved.

Policy and Legislation

Vice Chair Umana gave an update regarding a presentation of the Complete Streets Policy to the Macon-Bibb County Commission. Board members were advised said policy was well received and when it may be passed.

Mr. Michael Ryan opened discussion regarding visible and safe pedestrian crosswalks. Board members were advised regarding crosswalks and pedestrian safety improvements in other counties in Georgia. Mr. Ryan stated said improvements would be very helpful in Macon-Bibb County. Board members were advised regarding efforts made by political leaders in other counties to coordinate with GDOT regarding pedestrian safety improvements.

Engineering

Chairman Brown advised board members funding from Macon-Bibb County would be available for pedestrian safety improvements. Board members were also briefed regarding a Zoom Video Safety Analytic Presentation on Thursday, June 17th at 11 a.m. Said presentation will be given by Streets Simplified regarding software used to look at roadways.

Enforcement

No Report

Public Communication

Ms. Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, briefed board members regarding proposed logos for the Pedestrian Safety Review Board. Proposed logos were presented to board members followed by a vote to adopt a logo. On motion by Commissioner Elaine Lucas, seconded by Mr. David Gowan and passed unanimously, board members chose Blue Logos 2 and 3, with minimal changes, as the Official Logos for the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board.

Ms. Stephens opened discussion regarding Health Department Grant Funding. She stated she sent a letter to the Health Department requesting that grant funding would continue. Board members were advised Ms. Stephens asked for \$20,000.00. She informed board members approximately \$1,500.00 was left in current grant funding.

A motion was made for board members to authorize the purchase of a bin and rolling cart, two banners, signs and tripods with the remaining grant funding. On motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mr. Gowan and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board authorized said purchases. Ms. Stephens requested to form a committee that would decide how Health Department Grant Funds would be spent. Commissioner Lucas, Chairman Brown, Mr. Ryan and Ms. Stephens volunteered to serve on said committee.

Interagency Coordination

Mr. David Gowan gave an update regarding the July VIP Meeting for the Bibb County School District. Board members were advised Mr. Gowan and Ms. Stephens would present information regarding the Walking School Bus Initiative and information regarding pedestrian safety education efforts.

Mr. Gowan also gave an update regarding a project in dealing with traffic issues at certain schools. He stated he would be working with Mr. Nigel Floyd to change Traffic Plans for several key schools which included Vineville Academy.

Vision Zero Update – Bob Dallas

Mr. Bob Dallas gave a Vision Zero Workplan Update. Board members were advised a job description for a Vision Zero Transportation Coordinator was being developed. Mr. Dallas also stated an Intergovernmental Agreement with GDOT would be necessary for the creation of said position. Mr. Dallas advised a role of the Transportation Safety Coordinator was to advocate for projects designed to increase pedestrian safety and work in coordination with the local government and stakeholders to implement said projects.

Update: Bylaws – Tom Ellington

No Report

National Pedestrian Safety Month– Greg Brown

Chairman Brown opened discussion regarding National Pedestrian Safety Month in October 2021. Board members were advised committee members had been selected to coordinate events for National Pedestrian Safety Month. The members of said committee are Chairman Brown, Mr. Taylor Stickels, Ms. Stephens, Ms. Myrtle Habersham and Commissioner Lucas. Chairman Brown requested committee members to meet to discuss coordination of events.

Mayor Lester Miller stated funding had been allocated in the FY 2022 Budget for pedestrian safety. He stated said funds would be used to install traffic calming devices in certain neighborhoods. Board members were advised grant funding may be available to fund pedestrian safety and education efforts.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2021: July 20; August 17; September 21; October 19; November 16; and December 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary